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Gentlemen:

The Delta Vision Committee, recently created by the governor through Executive Order S-17-06, will conduct its first public meeting on Monday, November 27, 2006. Among its responsibilities, the Committee will select science and technical advisors for the Delta Vision initiative. It is likely that the Committee may not meet again until early March; therefore, we would like to enable the Committee to select Science Advisors at their initial meeting on November 27.

I am requesting that the ISB provide a list of recommended scientists and other technical experts that you think would address the broad range of science/technical questions that could be raised during Delta Vision Committee, Blue Ribbon Task Force and Stakeholders Coordination Group deliberations during preparation of Delta Vision and Strategic Plan recommendations and documents.

Given that there are other efforts also requiring scientific and technical advisors, such as the Delta Risk Management Strategy and Bay-Delta Conservation Plan, and the finite pool of expertise from which to draw, it would not be surprising if there were some duplication or overlap of experts among the efforts. This is not necessarily a disadvantage, since close coordination among these advisors is desirable in any case. We anticipate needing science and technical advisors in the following fields:

- Agronomy
- Atmospheric Science (climate change)

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- Biology
 - Aquatic
 - Avian
 - Terrestrial
- Ecology (general)
- Economics
- Emergency Response
- Engineering
 - Civil
 - Electrical
 - Irrigation
 - Soil Mechanics (levees)
 - Transportation
 - Utilities
 - Water Quality
- Geographic Imaging
- Geomorphology
- Governance/Institutional Structure
- Hydrology
- Planning
 - Environmental
 - Regional
 - Urban
- Public Safety (police/fire)
- Seismology
- Toxicology

At this time we may not require responses from individuals with expertise in all of the cited areas during the Delta Vision process. However, initial ISB recommendations addressing the broad range of expertise could serve to minimize future delays in obtaining informed responses to questions/issues raised by the Committee, Task Force and Stakeholders. We need to discuss the time necessary to confirm the willingness to serve as Science Advisor and the amount of time that you think should be budgeted for contract purposes. The latter issue can be settled following Committee action on the ISB recommendations.

Thank you in advance for your timely response to this request.

Sincerely,

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